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SUBJECT: INSTRUCTIONS TO THE U.S. DELEGATION SEPTEMBER 10  
U.S.-FRENCH DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL NUCLEAR ISSUES

LONDON: DELIVER TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST PRIOR TO HIS  
DEPARTURE--CONFIRM DELIVERY TO S/S-O BY PHONE

PARIS: HOLD FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST AND DELEGATION

THE PRESIDENT HAS AUTHORIZED THE FOLLOWING U.S. POSITION.  
THE DELEGATION IS AUTHORIZED TO PRESENT THE U.S. POSITION  
IN THE COURSE OF THE U.S.-FRENCH BILATERAL TALKS AND/OR  
IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FRENCH AT THE SEPTEMBER 16-17  
NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS MEETING IN A MANNER TO ACHIEVE A FAVOR-  
ABLE FRENCH POSITION ON THE NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS ISSUES.

1. COCOM POLICY ON REACTOR SALES

OUR MODIFIED POLICY AS SET FORTH IN NSDM 298 CAN BE EXPLAIN-  
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ED TO THE FRENCH, INDICATING THE PRINCIPLES WILL APPLY IN

FUTURE CASES, AND STATING THAT THE U.S. VIEWS THIS AS A SUBSTANTIAL MOVE TO MEET FRENCH INTERESTS. THE DELEGATION CAN ALSO INDICATE THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE SPECIFIC FRENCH PROPOSALS FOR NEAR-TERM SALES AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS IN COCOM, MAKING CLEAR THAT THE ACCEPTABILITY OF SUCH TRANSFERS TO THE U.S. WILL BE DETERMINED PRIMARILY ON AN ASSESSMENT OF THE STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SALE.

## 2. U.S. EXPORT CONTROL OF FRAMATOME REACTORS

THE DELEGATION CAN ASSURE THE FRENCH THAT THE U.S. WOULD NOT BLOCK A FRENCH REACTOR SALE TO THE USSR THROUGH OUR CONTROL OF THE FRAMATOME LICENSOR IF WE APPROVED THE SALE IN COCOM. THIS ASSURANCE CAN BE FORMALIZED BY NOTE, IF DESIRED.

IF THE FRENCH INSIST ON THE NECESSITY OF DROPPING THE CONTROL CLAUSE IN INDUSTRY-TO-INDUSTRY AGREEMENTS, THE DELEGATION CAN INDICATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER AN APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT THAT WOULD MEET FRENCH OBJECTIVES WHILE RETAINING THE CONTROL OF U.S.-SUPPLIED TECHNOLOGY REQUIRED UNDER U.S. LAW.

## 3. URANIUM TAILS

THE DELEGATION CAN INDICATE U.S. WILLINGNESS TO IMPLEMENT THE COMPRISE SOLUTION AUTHORIZED BY NSDM 275. KISSINGER

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